

6 July 1971

Mr. Robert W. Koch

Dear Mr. Koch

Upon receipt of your letter which was forwarded by CIA, I had our records searched and the only information I could locate was a memorandum that the War Department ordered one million of the Liberator pistols and gave 500,000 of them to "friendly" governments, retaining the balance for OSS.

When OSS was closed out, all assets were taken over by the War Department and the existing paper records transferred to Strategic Services Unit. Surplus materiel was either sold by the War Assets Administration or destroyed. Our records do not indicate the disposition of the Liberator pistols. I suggest you write to the Department of the Army Ordnance Office for further information they might possess.

Sincerely

Executive Secretary

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23 June 1971

Dear Sirs,

Almost thirty years have elapsed since the old OSS "Liberator" pistol was made. Since I am doing some research into this pistol (as a gun collector) I would appreciate some information concerning its final role after WW 2.

One million of these pistols were made by the Guide Lamp Division of General Motors, however, they are very difficult to locate for gun collectors. Since your agency took up where OSS left off I assumed you would have an idea where all of these pistols ended up.

Could you tell me if they were destroyed...or stored? Since thirty years have passed it would be very difficult for me to believe that this information was still classified, that is, if it still is classified.

I hope you will be able to clarify this for me as I have met no one to date that can tell me what finally happened to the one million pistol contract weapons.

Sincerely,

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Robert W. Koch

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